

## Publication Summary



# Mental Health (Psychiatric) Hospital Activity Statistics - year ending 31 March 2012

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## About this Release

This release is a summary of psychiatric hospital activity statistics up to and including financial year ending 31 March 2012. It contains information on trends in psychiatric inpatient activity, including data shown by NHS Board and diagnosis.

## Key Points

- There were around 19,265 inpatient admissions to mental health hospitals (excluding those treated in NHS Ayrshire & Arran) during the year ending 31 March 2012.
- In 2011/12 around 55% of all inpatient mental health admissions were re-admissions (patients readmitted after a break in inpatient care). This percentage is similar to those of the previous five years.
- Alcohol/drug related problems accounted for 22% of all discharge diagnoses in men and schizophrenia accounted for a further 20%. For women, mood (affective) disorders accounted for 33% of the diagnoses recorded, while dementia diagnoses were identified in 13% of discharges.
- In 2011/12, around 65% of all mental health discharges had a hospital length of stay of 4 weeks or less. This is similar to previous years.

## Background

Mental health activity data is collected across NHSScotland and is based on nationally available information routinely drawn from hospital administrative systems across the country. The principal data source is the SMR04 (mental health) return, which collects information on admissions to and discharges from NHS psychiatric hospitals in Scotland.

The information contained in this publication has been updated to include available data for year ending 31 March 2012.

Ongoing efforts to improve the quality of SMR04 data may result in differences to previously published information. It should be noted that due to the implementation of a new patient management system, information on treatments delivered at NHS Ayrshire & Arran as taken from SMR04 for the year to 31 March 2012 is not available and is excluded from this publication. As a result, Scotland level data for the latest year are not directly comparable to previous years.

Further information on SMR data completeness is shown on the [Hospital Records Data Monitoring](#) page of the ISD website.

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